Part B

Guardian angel

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The first time I saw her was in my first year of high school
There were a lot of people, but for some reason...
My eyes went directly towards her.
She had something...
A natural charm...
That made her stand out above the crowd...
When I saw her...
A nostalgic feeling seized me!
A feeling that I couldn't explain!
However, I had been through some experiences.

"What happened to you was so horrible..."

"...That, if someone ever finds out..."

"They will reject you"

The words my father said that day...

How could I forget them?

Leaving behind only a hollow, dark hole in my heart.
Experiences that had changed me
Experiences that had left a terrible scar on my soul.
No one deserves to have someone like me by their side.
HARU...
As I said You must eat properly!
It's not much, but I hope you like it
Haru
WHAT'S THIS? A BENTO?
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I'm tired of all of this
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH FOR ME?
The more they try to get closer to me,
the more I try to turn away from everyone.
No one deserves someone like me.
Why?

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THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION AT ALL
Kotomi!
YOU LOOK DOWN YOUR NOSE AT US AS IF WE WERE SCUM.
Stop
DOES THAT AMUSE YOU?
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
YOU IGNORE EVERYONE LIKE YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING
DO YOU TAKE JOY IN SEEING OTHER PEOPLE CRAWL BEHIND YOU?
Enough, please!
LEAVE HER ALONE!!

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I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU EVEN BEFORE THAT DAY WE STARTED TALKING AND I KNOW...
THAT THE SMILE YOU SHOW IS NOTHING BUT A MASK THAT HIDES THE TRUE SADNESS IN YOUR HEART

WHY DO YOU INSIST ON SMILING EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT?
THAT SMILE IS NOT PAINFUL FOR YOU ALONE BUT FOR EVERYONE AROUND YOU AS WELL
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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I KNOW THAT SOMETHING BAD MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST
AND IT REALLY HURTS ME NOT KNOWING WHAT IT WAS
I...
No, stop it!
IT'S FRUSTRATING BEING UNABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE PERSON YOU LIKE...
I ONLY WANT TO SEE YOU HAPPY
I WANT TO SEE YOUR TRUE SMILE. I WANT TO HELP YOU, BECAUSE I...
I WON'T! I WON'T STOP!
I-IT'S ENOUGH
STOP SAYING THOSE THINGS.
I LOVE YOU!

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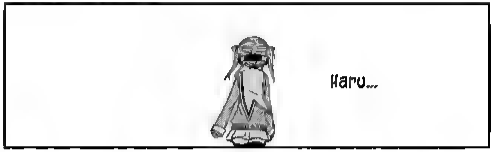

That girl... With her words her way of treating me
She managed to pull it down with a single strike.
With such sweetness
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That barrier that during so much time I've been strengthening around my heart and keeps me away from everything and everyone
How did we reached this point?
When did I let my guard down and let this girl get so close to that place?
And as much as I try to expel her it's already impossible
She's... already deep inside of me
It doesn't matter how much I try to push her away
She will always return to me.

I TOLD YOU EARLIER
I... I DON'T DESERVE IT
WHY... DO YOU CARE SO MUCH FOR ME?
WHY? I TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED YOU.
WHY DO YOU INSIST?
I LOVE YOU.
YOU CAN GO ON TRYING TO PUSH ME AWAY
BUT WHAT YOU CAN'T MAKE...
IS TO STOP ME FROM WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
...
I'M WILLING TO STAY AWAY FROM YOU... IF THAT'S YOUR WISH.
LOOK INTO MY EYES AND ASK ME TO GO AWAY
...!
HOWEVER...

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AH!
ASK ME TO NEVER GET CLOSE TO YOU AGAIN..
AND I WILL DO IT
SOB
WHY?
WHY CAN'T I SAY IT?
KOTOMI!!
WHY?
KOTOMI! WHAT'S WRONG?!
From among all the people in the world...
WHY SOMEONE AS SPECIAL AS YOU!
HAS CHOSEN ME?

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"Your body is now stained."
"What happened to you was so horrible... disgraceful."
"If people found out about this, they would reject you."
That's why you can't talk about this with anyone."
"They would despise you."
WHAT IF SHE ACCEPTS ME?
WHAT IF SHE STILL LOVES ME AFTER ALL?

"Don't be naive"

YOU FAINTED AT THE STREET I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING PROPERLY THESE LAST DAYS
CURRY..
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE THE LAST TIME I ATE CURRY
HE HE
AS I THOUGHT
How can you be so careless with your health?
THAT'S WHY..
I MADE THIS
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE HUNGRY
munch
munch
I LIKE IT
OH, YOUR UNIFORM WAS SOAKED SO MY MOTHER THOUGHT THAT THE BEST THING TO DO WAS TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES

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I DOUBT IT
THEY'RE NOT EVEN AT HOME
THEY TRAVELLED FOR BUSINESS SOME DAYS AGO
I SEE
CLICK
OH.
A BLACK-OUT
I GUESS IT'S DUE TO THE STORM, BUT I'LL GO CHECK IT
STOP
I'M TIRED... OF ALL THIS.
YOUR PARENTS MUST BE WORRIED
DO YOU WANT ME TO WALK YOU HOME?

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I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE.
I... HATE THIS..
I CAN'T BE MYSELF
I'M ALWAYS TRYING..
TO REMAIN ALOOF FROM ANYONE WHO TRIES TO GET ALONG WITH ME
YOU KEEP SAYING YOU LOVE ME
BUT THE TRUTH IS... THAT KOTOMI YOU SAY YOU LOVE IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF ME
I KNOW
YOU KNOW NOTHING
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT ME.
ARE YOU SURE?
IF YOU KNEW THE TRUTH.
NOTHING WOULD CHANGE
WITH ALL THAT IT IMPLIES
HER THOUGHTS, HER FEELINGS, HER FEARS
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING
AND I WANT TO KNOW... THE TRUE KOTOMI

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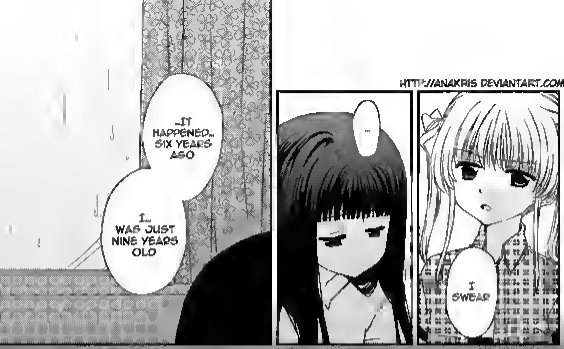

so I didn't knew anything, or anyone

We had just moved to the city.

It was dark.

They scolded me and then I got angry.

I had argued with my parents because they had decided to move on their own, and dragged me with them against my will.

The only thing that came to my mind was to run away.

But
I chose the wrong person
That boy promised he would help me find my parents
But instead, he took me to a dark alley and...
I couldn't escape.
So I decided to ask for help
Thus I got lost in the city
I didn't know what to do and got scared
EVERYTHING FELL APART
I...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE
EVERY NIGHT I HAVE NIGHTMARES WHERE THAT MOMENT REPEATS ITSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN

HE RAPED ME
AND THEN DISAPPEARED
AFTERWARDS I WENT INTO SHOCK
AND I WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR SOME WEEKS.
MY FATHER BELONGS TO AN IMPORTANT FAMILY
AND HE THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD BE A SCANDAL THAT WOULD STAIN HIS REPUTATION.
SO HE DECIDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET, AND IT WASN'T EVEN REPORTED
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN USELESS ANYWAY
I COULDN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS FACE
AFTER THAT, WE HAD TO MOVE AGAIN, AND THEN WE GOT HERE.
IT'S ENOUGH.
MY PARENTS.. THEY NEVER LOOKED AT ME THE SAME WAY AFTER THAT..
NOT EVEN THEM.
WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM EVERYBODY ELSE?

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I KNOW ITS SOMETHING HARD TO FORGET, AND THAT ALL THESE LAST YEARS MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HARD FOR YOU
U-UM.
BUT IT'S OVER
YOUR SUFFERING ENDS TODAY
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HA... HARU... CHAN.
DON'T I...
DONT I DISGUST YOU?
OF COURSE NOT
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DISGUST ME
YOU... DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG
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AND IF YOU GET TIRED AND CAN'T CONTINUE WALKING ANYMORE...
I'LL HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS AND WILL HELP YOU MOVE FORWARD
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH THIS ALONE.
LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE... AND I PROMISE YOU WILL NEVER FEEL ALONE AGAIN.
HAEU...
STOP PUNISHING YOURSELF AND BE HAPPY
THE WOUNDS IN YOUR HEART
LET ME HEAL...
I can see a small glint of light through this darkness
What's this warm feeling?
For the first time in years...
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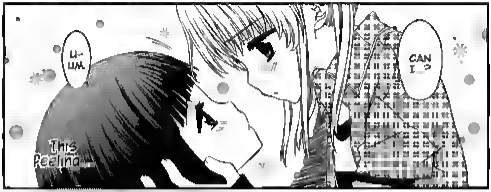

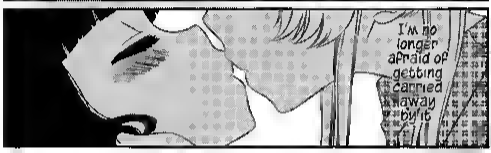

I don't know if this will work out
But at least, I want to give it a try
HARU-CHAN
HM?
I...
I LOVE YOU TOO
Thus... our story together began...
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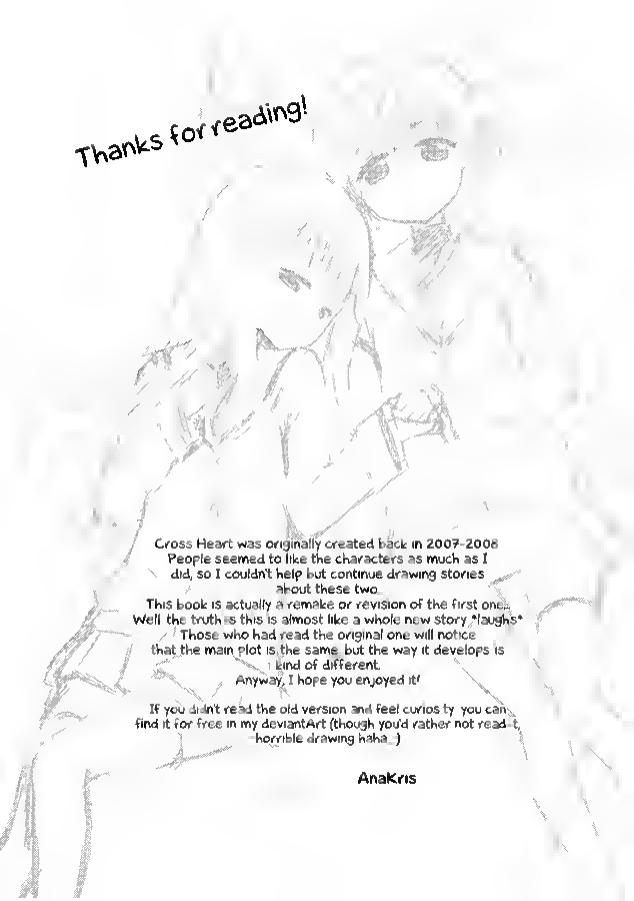
And the star
Fell in love with
the angel



Cross Heart was originally created back in 2007-2008
People seemed to like the characters as much as I
did, so I couldn't help but continue drawing stories
about these two.
This book is actually a remake or revision of the first one...
Well the truth is this is almost like a whole new story *laughs*
Those who had read the original one will notice
that the main plot is the same, but the way it develops is
kind of different.
Anyway, I hope you enjoyed it!

If you didn't read the old version and feel curios ty you can
find it for free in my deviantArt (though you'd rather not read it,
horrible drawing haha_)

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